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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
JEAN-CLAUDE HAUER, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/FR03/01509)
FILED: HEREWITH :
FOR: DEVICE FOR CLOSING AN :
OPENING, PARTICULARLY A
MAN HOLE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.